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MEMORANDUM FOR: China/North Korea Branch, OER

STAT ATTENTION : STAT SUBJECT : Soviet Construction and Industrial Production Indices

1. This memorandum with attached tables is in response to a telephone request of 29 November 1973 for indices of Soviet industrial and construction activity for the period 1949-72.

2. Table A provides indices derived from Soviet data sources for all industry, Group A industry, and Group B industry. Group A industry corresponds roughly to heavy industry and is defined as industry which produces the means of production. Group B industry represents primarily the consumer goods sector.

3. The Soviets do not publish input oriented index series for construction activity. Therefore, a final output index series is provided in Table B based on Soviet reports of the amount of construction plus installation in 1969 Soviet prices. The results for the period 1961-72 are extracted directly from the Soviet data. The results for earlier years are more tenuous because of the need to convert the reported amounts to 1969 prices.

4. A CIA derived construction materials index is also included to provide some feel for the relationship between input and output indices. This series is fairly crude and is based only on domestic production instead of consumption of construction materials.

5. Any questions about these indices may be referred to

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Table A
Index Series of Industrial Output

(1960 = 100)

	<u>All Industry</u>	<u>Group A Industry a/</u>	<u>Group B Industry b/</u>
1949	27	24	33
1950	33	31	37
1951	38	36	43
1951	43	40	48
1953	48	45	54
1954	54	51	61
1955	61	58	67
1956	68	65	73
1957	74	72	79
1958	82	80	85
1959	91	90	93
1960	100	100	100
1961	109	110	107
1962	120	122	115
1963	129	134	121
1964	139	145	125
1965	151	158	136
1966	164	173	146
1967	180	190	160
1968	195	206	174
1969	209	221	186
1970	227	239	203
1971	245	257	219
1972	261	274	232

Source: TsSU, Narodnoye Khozyaystvo SSSR, various years.

a. Group A industries produce the "means of production."

b. Group B industries produce consumer goods.

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Table B
Index Series of Construction
(1960 = 100)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Construction Installation</u>	<u>CIA Materials Index</u>
1949	27	NA
1950	33	33
1951	35	NA
1952	39	NA
1953	41	NA
1954	48	NA
1955	53	58
1956	62	NA
1957	70	NA
1958	82	82
1959	93	92
1960	100	100
1961	103	107
1962	104	113
1963	107	116
1964	114	121
1965	124	128
1966	133	136
1967	144	144
1968	154	150
1969	157	147
1970	174	166
1971	189	NA
1972	202	NA

Derived from TsSU, Narodnoye Khozyaystvo SSSR, various years.

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